



Office of the City Clerk
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**STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(SAC)**

CREATED BY:

Ordinance 9582, adopted on August 6, 2001

MEMBERS:

15 members: shall be appointed from the following categories:

- 1) *Professional and interest group appointees.* Eight members of SAC shall be, to the extent practicable, appointed from the following categories:
 - a) Two members who are registered professional civil engineers, licensed by the State of Arizona, during the term of their membership;
 - b) Two members who are professional surface water hydrologists or water quality specialists;
 - c) One member who is a professional environmental consultant with a degree or expertise in biology or ecology;
 - d) One member who is a professional land use planner;
 - e) One member who is a water resources scientist, affiliated with either a local university program or a state or federal government agency which regulates water resources; and
 - f) One member who is an advocate for the preservation of washes.
- 2) *Mayor and Council appointees.* Seven members shall be individually appointed by the Mayor and each member of the City Council.

QUORUM:

Eight members present at a committee meeting shall constitute a quorum.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

The SAC members in the professional and interest group categories shall be nominated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) Director and shall be approved and appointed by the Mayor and Council. At least two nominations for each position shall be submitted by the DOT Director to the Mayor and Council.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Each of the professional and interest group appointees shall serve for a term of four years from the date of approval by the Mayor and Council and may be re-appointed for one additional term of four years. When a vacancy occurs, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be appointed to a full four-year term and may be appointed to one additional four-year term. One or more of the initial professional and interest group appointees to SAC may be appointed for a term of less than four years and may be re-appointed to only one full four-year term in order to establish staggered terms of membership.

Each of the members appointed by the Mayor or a member of the City Council shall serve a term that is coterminous with the appointing official.

FUNCTIONS:

The SAC shall provide comments and recommendations to the DOT Director and the Mayor and Council as requested by the DOT Director and Mayor and Council on matters relating to stormwater management, floodplain and erosion hazard management and preservation and protection of watercourses, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) Management of the flow and discharge of stormwaters within the city of Tucson and the review and implementation of the *Tucson Stormwater Management Study*;
- 2) Management of flooding and erosion to protect life and property;
- 3) Implementation of the City's watercourse policies that provide for flood control, erosion mitigation and ground water recharge through the preservation of designated washes in their natural and undisturbed states;
- 4) Management of the uses of the regulatory floodplain, recognizing that the highest and best use of the regulatory floodplain in the city is the maintenance of hydrologic and hydraulic processes with consideration for aesthetics, natural open space, recreation areas and wildlife habitat, protection of public health and safety and preservation of natural drainage conditions;

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- 5) Maintenance and re-vegetation of washes within urbanized areas of the city in which vegetation is a valuable natural resource which assists in groundwater recharge, support of wildlife habitat and preservation of natural open spaces;
- 6) Regulation of riparian habitats that provide particularly critical and sensitive wildlife associated with public monuments, forests, and preserves; and
- 7) Implementation and amendment to watercourse regulations including, but not limited to, Chapter 26, Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management; Article VIII, Chapter 29, Watercourse Amenities, Safety and Habitat; and Chapter 23, the Land Use Code, Section 2.8.6, Environmental Resource Zone.

EXEMPT FROM TCC 10A-134: No

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

Although this public body is an advisory committee, Mayor and Council has directed that DOT shall be responsible for maintaining a summary of the meetings of SAC. The SAC shall provide its comments and recommendations on matters it considers to the DOT Director who shall forward those to the appropriate bodies. The rules and summaries of meetings, as produced by the DOT Director, shall be filed with the City Clerk.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

Department of Transportation
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